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# SPACE—TIME INVENTORY OF WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC TROPICAL STORM AND TYPHOON FREQUENCIES

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The inventory frequencies presented in this publication represent an aid to the forecaster in using the WEARSCHFAC typhoon analog-selection computer program<sup>1</sup>. The analog program is a rapid, objective, computerized scheme for selecting, from among 1945-1969 tropical storms and typhoons, those storms (and their tracks) which most nearly resemble an existing tropical cyclone. This information can be used in conjunction with conventional prediction techniques to forecast tropical cyclone movement.

The analog program requires certain basic input information. The input data are of three types. First, the user is required to specify the space-time dimensions of the "envelope" to be searched for past tropical cyclones. Second, the user must specify weighting factors which assign relative importance to each of the 18 analog elements for measuring the extent to which the present storm is similar to past tropical cyclones. The third input consists of data for the existing storm to be compared with each of the 18 analog-data elements.

This report should provide useful information for the first type of input data (that is, space-time dimensions) to ensure that an adequate number of analogs (past storms) are found in the analog-search program.

<sup>1&</sup>quot;A Computer Technique for Using Typhoon Analogs as a Forecast Aid," by J. D. Jarrell and W. L. Somervell, Jr., NAVWEARSCHFAC Tech. Paper No. 6-70, June 1970.

Independently, these frequencies can by themselves serve as a useful climatological aid and thus may not be limited in use to the analog-selection computer program.

### 2. INVENTORY OF WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC TROPICAL STORMS AND TYPHOONS (1945-1969)

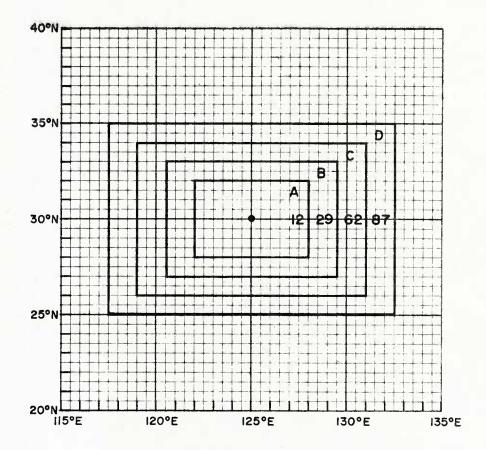
The following semi-monthly tables present a tropical storm and typhoon inventory for the space-time dimensions centered on the 1st and 16th of each month about grid points located at every 10° of latitude (from 10° N. to 50° N.) and 15° of longitude (from 110° E. to 175° W.) in the western North Pacific.

The inventory itself is a count of the number of storms located in the various space-time envelopes based on 6-hourly positions for the tropical storms and typhoons from 1945-1969. The space-time envelopes are defined as follows:

- A  $\pm 2^{\circ}$  latitude and  $\pm 3^{\circ}$  longitude and  $\pm 12$  days of date
- $B \pm 3^{\circ}$  latitude and  $\pm 4.5^{\circ}$  longitude and  $\pm 18$  days of date
- $C \pm 4^{\circ}$  latitude and  $\pm 6^{\circ}$  longitude and  $\pm 24$  days of date
- D ±5° latitude and ±7.5° longitude and ±30 days of date
  A storm must meet all three conditions (latitude, longitude
  and time limit) to be counted in A, B, C or D, respectively.
  Each storm was counted a maximum of one time in any latitudelongitude area. The frequencies are cumulative from A thru D.

For example, the following information can be obtained from the table with date/time centered about 16 August and the grid point located at 30° N., 125° E.:

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30	125	12	29	62	87	



- (a) Twelve tropical storms and/or typhoons passed through the area from 28° N. to 32° N. and 122° E. to 128° E. from 4 August to 28 August in the years 1945-1969, based on 6-hourly position data.
- (b) As the space-time dimensions are increased to the limits set forth by B, C and D, then 29, 62 and 87 storms, respectively, are counted within these respective limits.

Linear interpolation may be used to determine the storm count for space and time values other than those discrete space-time points given in the following tables.

The inventories presented in this paper were compiled for WEARSCHFAC by the National Weather Records Center.

Semi-Monthly Inventory of Western North Pacific Tropical Storms and Typhoons (1945-1969) For the Space-Time Dimensions Centered on the 1st and 16th of Each Month About Grid Points Located at Every 10° of Latitude and 15° of Longitude, From 10° N. to 50° N. and from 110° E. to 175° W.

Note: Grid points were not listed if the storm counts in classes A, B, C and D were all zero.

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10	170	0	2	3	3
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20	140	1	2	2	4
20	155	0	0	1	2

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